

METHOD OF FITTING A PACKAGING HOOD OVER A LOAD

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to an apparatus for wrapping a one- or multi-part load with at least one elastic foil hood that is gathered into folds and stretched and subsequently pulled over the one- or multi-part load, the gathered foil hood being stretched and pulled down by means of a pull-down device movable along the one- or multi-part load, and whereby the pull-down device has four tensioning fingers that are movable in planes perpendicular to a pull-down direction and that each have a bow-shaped tensioning element lying in this plane and, secured to it, a bow-shaped brace element extending generally in the pull-down direction in order to be able to take on the gathered foil hood in the respective corners of the one- or multi-part load to be wrapped and to pull it down over the one- or multi-part load.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In one type of the known apparatus for wrapping, the folding of the foil that is normally closed at one end is effected by gathering right on the pull-down device. The pull-down device